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In re Application of :  
Markus Cech et al. : Group Art Unit: 2833  
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For PLUG-AND-SOCKET  
CONNECTOR ELEMENT

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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2002, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel non-elected claims 10-18 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 3 and 6-9 as follows:

1. A plug-and-socket connector element comprising:  
a base body in which at least one plug contact is arranged, the at  
least one plug contact permitting an insertion of an electric feed line in an axial  
direction from a rear end of the at least one plug contact, and  
a fitting part which is movable with respect to the base body from a  
first latching position to a second latching position and which permits a lateral

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